

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A networked commercial interaction management method, comprising the steps of:

distributing information bundles from different ones of a first plurality of different networked users to different ones of a second plurality of different networked users according to a machine-readable format that includes values for a plurality of content attribute descriptors, a portion of said content attribute descriptors including business language definition descriptors;
and

deriving traffic statistics for the step of distributing based on values for the content attribute descriptors.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1 further including the step of converting the traffic statistics into billing amounts.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 2 wherein the step of converting converts traffic to different destinations to different billing amounts.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 2 wherein the step of converting converts traffic to billing amounts for events requested by programmed bundle processing logic between the different users.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2 [1] wherein the step of converting converts traffic to billing amounts for operations that are executed by programmed bundle processing logic [independent of human interaction].

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of deriving derives statistics about the presentation of offer bundles and acceptance rates for these offer bundles.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of deriving derives statistics about the types of bundles transferred and information profiles for users involved in the transfers.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 1 further including the step of transferring the statistics to buy-side users.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of deriving operates substantially continuously in near-real time.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the bundles distributed in the step of distributing include a data element reference and meta data describing the data element, and wherein each data element remains resident on a node of a data owner in a network.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of deriving derives statistics about transfers between pairs of users that are authorized to communicate with each other, but where communication of particular information between the pairs of users is not permitted.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of deriving derives statistics about a ticker symbol field.

Claims 13 – 58 (Canceled)

Claim 59 (New): The method of claim 1 wherein a different portion of said content attribute descriptors includes bundle descriptors.

Claim 60 (New): The method of claim 1 wherein a different portion of said content attribute descriptors includes target descriptors.

Claim 61 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein said business language definition descriptors comprise keywords, said keywords having at least one value.

Claim 62 (New): The method of claim 61, wherein said keywords comprise at least one of Sector, Ticker, Region, Country, Author, Firm, and Bundle Type.

Claim 63 (New): The method of claim 61, wherein said values attached to said keywords are standardized through community agreement.

Claim 64 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of distributing further comprises using at least one event table, wherein the at least one event table provides a sequence of activities with priorities, dependencies, execution methods, and requirements for actions on objects manages by an aggregation server, and wherein the at least one event table is defines based on at least one of bundle type, destination address, author, user role, or user definable properties.

Claim 65 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the information bundles comprise a bundle header, routing data, metadata, and bundle contents.

Claim 66 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of deriving traffic statistics further comprises deriving at least one of real-time statistics and historical statistics.

Claim 67 (New): The method of claim 65, wherein traffic statistics are used to perform at least one of judging the value of commercial partners, evaluating potential partners, and evaluating the market as a whole.

Claim 68 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of distributing further comprises:

at least one of sending invitations from at least one sell-side user and seeking providers from at least one buy-side user during an untrusted phase;

entering into a trusted phase between said at least one sell-side user and said at least one buy-side user;

distributing said information bundles from said at least one sell-side user to said at least one buy-side user; and

receiving said information bundles by said at least one buy-side user if said information bundles conform to settings in said at least one buy-side user's profile.

Claim 69 (New): A networked commercial interaction management method, comprising the steps of:

distributing information bundles from different ones of a first plurality of different networked users to different ones of a second plurality of different networked users according to a machine-readable format that includes values for a plurality of content attribute descriptors;

selecting, by the second plurality of different networked users, particular ones of the information bundles to receive based on at least one of the values for the plurality of content attribute descriptors; and

deriving traffic statistics for said distributing step, the information bundles from the different one of the first plurality of different networked users to the different ones of the second plurality of different users responsive to said selecting step and responsive to the at least one of the values for the plurality of content attribute descriptors.

Claim 70 (New): A networked commercial interaction management method, comprising the steps of:

distributing information bundles from different ones of a first plurality of different networked users to different ones of a second plurality of different networked users according to a machine-readable format that includes values for a plurality of content attribute descriptors; and

filtering, by the second plurality of networked users, particular ones of the information bundles to receive based on filtering logic responsive to at least one of the values for the plurality of content attribute descriptors.

Claim 71 (New): A networked commercial interaction management system, comprising:

an aggregation service comprising at least one functional module; and

at least one set of information services, in data communication with said aggregation service, residing on a net backbone.

Claim 72 (New): The networked commercial interaction management system of claim 71, wherein the at least one functional module comprises at least one of an authentication and access control module, a collaboration protocol adaptors module, a notification services module, a telephony services module, a content distribution and retrieval services module, a collaboration services module, and a data distribution services module.

Claim 73 (New): The networked commercial interaction management system of claim 71, wherein the at least one functional module comprises an authentication and access control module, a collaboration protocol adaptors module, a notification services module, a telephony services module, a content distribution and retrieval services module, a collaboration services module, and a data distribution services module.

Claim 74 (New): The networked commercial interaction management system of claim 71, wherein the at least one set of information services comprises at least one of software distribution services, net monitoring services, billing and statistics services, and a rvr and caching server.

Claim 75 (New): The networked commercial interaction management system of claim 71, wherein the at least one set of information services comprises software distribution services, net monitoring services, billing and statistics services, and a rvr and caching server.